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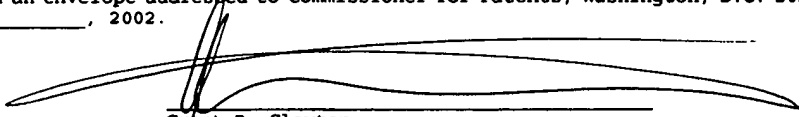
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Statement of Relevance of References Listed
Unaccompanied by English Translation
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language or unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

0 334 299 A1 - A crampon consisting of at least one frame with longitudinal and transverse supports, on which frontal

and/or vertical spikes are arranged, as well as fastening means for fastening the crampon to the climbing boot or the ski boot, is characterized in that at least a part of the frame parts extending in the longitudinal direction and with essentially rectangular cross-section is inclined along their longitudinal axis by an angle (α) from the essentially horizontal plane which is formed by the frame parts. By this arrangement, increased bending strength is achieved in both main loading directions and at the same time the main loads are reduced by the bending into those cross-sections of the longitudinal supports provided with assembly bores.

0 579 975 B1 - A climbing and braking aid for skis, having a base plate for mounting on the upper side of a ski and a pivot mount which is arranged thereon and in which two one-sided pivot levers are mounted such that they can be pivoted and latched in a pivot position, and having a two-sided lever which is arranged pivotably on the base plate in a further pivot mount and of which one free end can be latched into a latching notch by means of a latching lug, the two levers being in operative connection with spring elements for restoring them, characterized in that the two one-sided pivot levers are connected fixedly to one another via at least one intermediate piece which exhibits a planar surface on its upper side, at least one intermediate piece exhibiting a latching notch for the latching lug and at least one intermediate

piece exhibiting a stop surface for abutment against the base plate in the initial position of the one-sided pivot levers, the two-sided lever also exhibiting a planar surface on its upper side.

61-118441 - Discloses a nowax material for a ski, exhibiting excellent antislip effect and is effective to reduce the difficulty in advancing on the ski caused by the adhesion of snow and the noise generated in skiing, by kneading a synthetic rubber, a high-impact polystyrene, silica, and fibrous floc in molten state, and applying the sheet of the kneaded material to the sliding surface of a ski.

Statement of Cumulative References
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)

The following listed reference is enclosed but is believed to be substantively cumulative of the U.S. Patent No. 5,591,509 reference:

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